

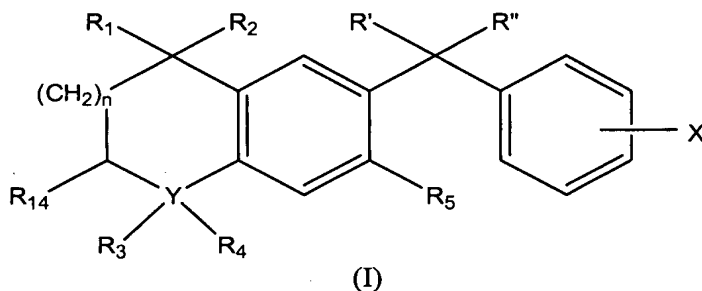
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 74, 75, 82 and 83 are pending. Claims 71 and 79-81 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 74 and 75 are amended as indicated below. Claims 82 and 83 are added. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, in the application.

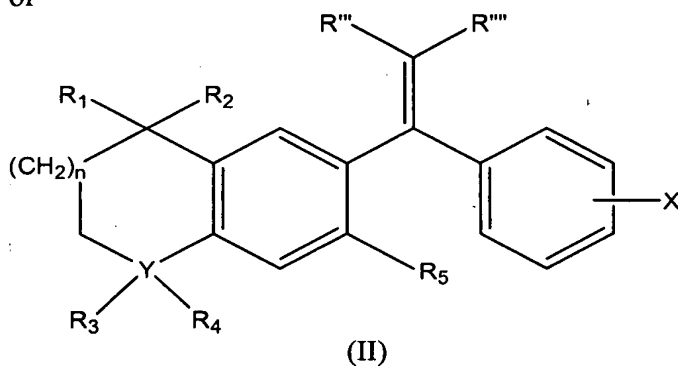
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-73 (Cancelled).

74. (Currently amended) A compound represented by formula I or II:



or



wherein:

~~R₁ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising having 1-4 carbon atoms;~~

~~R₂ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising having 1-4 carbon atoms;~~

~~Y is C, N, S, or O, wherein:~~

~~if Y is C, then R₃ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising having 1-4 carbon atoms, and R₄ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising having 1-4 carbon atoms;~~

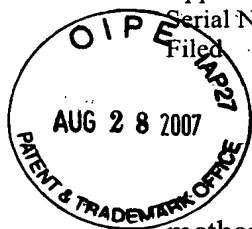
~~if Y is N, then R₃ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms, and~~

~~R₄ does not exist;~~

~~if Y is S, then R₃ does not exist, and R₄ does not exist;~~

~~if Y is O, then R₃ does not exist, and R₄ does not exist;~~

R₅ is OR₇, wherein R₇ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising having 1-6 carbon atoms;



R_{14} is hydrogen or a lower alkyl ~~comprising~~ having 1-4 carbon atoms;

R' is hydrogen and R'' is hydrogen, or R' and R'' together form an oxo (keto) $[[,]]$ or a methano;

R''' is hydrogen;

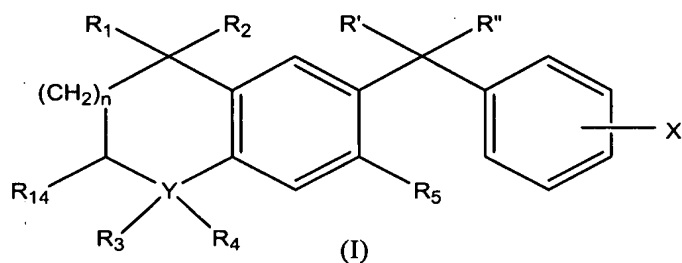
R'''' is hydrogen;

X is COOH and originates from C3, C4, or C5 of the ring; and

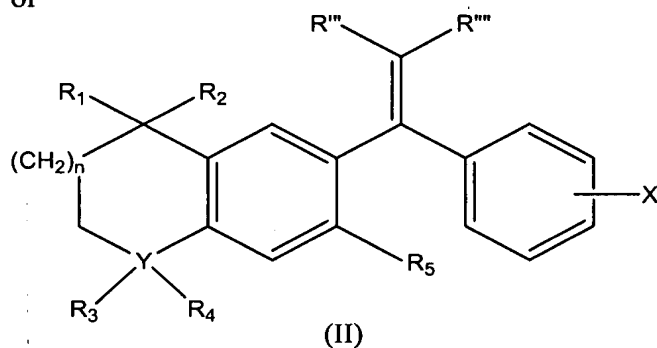
$n = 0-1$; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable ester, amide or salt thereof.

75. (Currently amended) A compound represented by formula I or II:



or



wherein:

R_1 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl ~~comprising~~ having 1-4 carbon atoms;

R_2 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl ~~comprising~~ having 1-4 carbon atoms;

Y is C, N, S, or O, wherein:

_____ if Y is C, then R_3 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl ~~comprising~~ having 1-4 carbon atoms, and R_4 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl ~~comprising~~ having 1-4 carbon atoms;

_____ if Y is N, then R_3 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl ~~comprising~~ having 1-4 carbon atoms, and

_____ R_4 does not exist,

_____ if Y is S, then R_3 does not exist, and R_4 does not exist,

_____ if Y is O, then R_3 does not exist, and R_4 does not exist;

R_5 is OR_7 , wherein R_7 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl ~~comprising~~ having 1-6 carbon atoms;

R_{14} is hydrogen or a lower alkyl ~~comprising~~ having 1-4 carbon atoms;

R' and R'' ~~represent is~~ hydrogen or a lower alkyl ~~comprising~~ having 1-4 carbon atoms
and R'' ~~is a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;~~

R''' and R'''' ~~represent is~~ hydrogen or a lower alkyl ~~comprising~~ having 1-4 carbon
atoms, and R'''' ~~is a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;~~

X is COOH and originates from C3, C4, or C5 of the ring; and

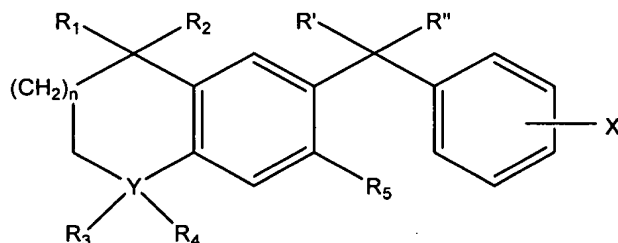
$n = 0-1$; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable ester, amide or salt thereof.

Claims 76 - 81 (Cancelled).

82. (New) The compound of claim 74, wherein R_5 is OH.

83. (New) A compound of the formula:



wherein:

$R_1 - R_4$ each independently is a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;

Y is C;

R_5 is halogen or OR_7 , wherein R_7 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-6 carbon
atoms;

R' and R'' together form an oxo (keto) or methano;

X is COOH and originates from C3, C4, or C5 of the ring; and

$n = 1$; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.